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by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
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by "Ed Nelson" <edxnelson@home.com>
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by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
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by Corey Dean <kf3dy@repeater.net>
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by "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>
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by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
- 43) [87660] Re: FT=817 Reflector

by "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>  
44) [87661] Re: FT=817 Reflector  
by "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
45) [87662] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
by Shelly Somerville <somerville@uniserve.com>  
46) [87663] NM Swapfest - Jan. 27, 2001  
by jaywa5whn@juno.com  
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54) [87671] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
by "Mont Pierce" <MyGrapeVine@yahoo.com>  
55) [87672] Re: Ship board operating?  
by "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>  
56) [87673] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
by Rich Mulvey <mulveyr@iname.com>  
57) [87674] Re: Ship board operating?  
by NB6M@aol.com  
58) [87675] Digipan 1.6, tiny glitch  
by NB6M@aol.com  
59) [87676] cruise info tnx!  
by "Tom Whalen" <wb5qyt@abq.com>  
60) [87677] [Propagation] AL7FS listens to 10 meter beacons  
by Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>  
61) [87678] Tape Back UP FS  
by "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>  
62) [87679] SKN short & sweet  
by "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
63) [87680] re: Digipan 1.6, tiny glitch  
by NB6M@aol.com  
64) [87681] non working 38 special free/papers work for MMX 30-M  
by RangerSF5@aol.com  
65) [87682] Re: SST 20m Schematic?  
by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 16:22:05 -0800  
From: "Steve McDonald" <jsm@gulfislands.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87618] TT - 2 / SKN  
Message-ID: <000901c07388\$fbb5e0\$4e11f4cc@jms>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hand pump connected to the Tin tonight. Give a listen on 7040.0 (amongst the thousands of others!) for a SKN-TT-II!

Happy New Year all.

Steve / VE7SL / 400mW / half-sloper

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 19:31:34 -0500  
From: "Jim Kortge, K8IQY" <jokortge@prodigy.net>  
To: "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87619] Re: IA QRP-10 RX Specs  
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.1.20001231190911.009e81e0@pop.prodigy.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 11:30 AM 12/31/00 -0700, you wrote:

>I just check the NorCal page for the latest on the IA QRP-10 building  
>project. There Jim Kortge, K8IQY reports the following RX specs:

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> MDS -130 dBm (That's less than 0.1 micro volt  
>folks)  
>  
> Filter Bandwidth 230 Hz (Missed the design bogie by 20 Hz)  
>  
> Minimum Opposite  
> Sideband Rejection 62 dB (Very good for a 3 pole filter)  
>  
> IF Rejection 110 dB (Excellent for any rig)  
>  
> Image Rejection 70 dB (Very good for a simple superhet design)  
>  
> Rx Current Draw 35 milliamps (VX0 and receive strip combined)  
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>OK, we're talkin' 10m. Layout, lead length...etc have strong influence  
>on performance. Things get "jiggy" at 28MHz ;- ) What construction  
>practices/techniques/layout...etc. Have the greatest effect, so as to  
>reproduce these excellent specs?

Hi Rod,

Well here is my 2 cents worth on the subject. First, keep the leads as short as possible, and don't run leads of caps, inductors. and resistors parallel to each other. Ditto on the components; keep them at 90 degrees to each other if at all possible. Same is true for inductors that are on the input and output of amplifier stages, or parts of input or output filters. Or offset them so that their fields can't interact. Set drive levels to the minimum required to drive the next stage adequately. Shield critical circuits from each other, so they can't interact. And finally, build over continuous ground planes when ever possible using Manhattan-style construction or dead bug. These methods reduce circulating ground currents which can cause all manifestations of instability.

The pads used in Manhattan-style construction also afford small decoupling capacitances at each node, which in most cases should enhance stability.

Overall, a good layout where the sigals flow from one section to the next without doubling back adds to stability and low noise, everything else being equal. That's why it is important when starting the layout of some circuitry to "fiddle with it" on paper before building the real thing. And one must not be in so much of a hurry as to rule out tearing out a whole section if you see a much better way of doing the layout after you have 70 or 80 percent of it built. I've done that many times, and always was glad that I made the choice. Besides, most of the parts are then already pre-bent, ready for reinstallation! :-)

There are probably other considerations that don't come to mind at the moment, but that's my New Years eve brain dump on the subject.

72 and Happy New Year to all of the QRP-L gang. Year 2000 was a blast! Many new projects and many new friends. Life is good!

Jim, K8IQY

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 18:45:30 -0600  
From: "Mike Duke" <k5xu@concentric.net>  
To: "qrp" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87620] SKN From Mississippi  
Message-ID: <000901c0738c\$43d93d20\$1e320140@k5xu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I will be in and out for the next few hours, and will check the 80 and 40  
qrp frequencies if anyone needs a contact from Mississippi.

Mike, K5XU

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 01:15:39 +0000  
From: David Gilson <kd3em@velocity.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87621] 1000 miles per watt  
Message-ID: <3A4F93EB.B00E4259@velocity.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well I did it work, JA9AA in Kanazawa, Japan form Erie,Pa using 5 watts  
on 24 Mhz it works out to 6682 miles and that is using to distance  
program form the ARCI. What a way to end the old year and start the new  
one. Happy New Year to everyone.

Dave  
kd3em qrp arci #8126

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 17:06:42 -0800  
From: "K7FD/N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>  
To: <k5xu@concentric.net>  
Cc: "QRP-L" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87622] SKN from Oregon  
Message-ID: <004801c0738f\$1b681f20\$84231ad8@N7SG>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The forty meter band is ALIVE w/ SKN! WOW!

Back to pounding the brass...

73 John K7FD

PS. QRPacific club station K7LOW will be out there swinging the bat too...  
<http://www.teleport.com/~cqdx/qrpclub.htm>

Subject: SKN From Mississippi

> I will be in and out for the next few hours, and will check the 80 and 40  
> qrp frequencies if anyone needs a contact from Mississippi.  
>  
> Mike, K5XU

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 18:00:55 -0800  
From: "K7FD/N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>  
To: <elecraft@qth.net>  
Cc: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87623] Most Interesting SKN so far...  
Message-ID: <007601c07396\$ae326200\$84231ad8@N7SG>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WOW! Just got a call from Wayne N6KR/M...he was SKN 559 on peaks using his  
K2 and a 10m Hamstick (on 40m)! His key: Mic PTT! Didn't sound half bad  
either...

Back to the brass...

HNY, John K7FD, NC40a/Loop (not looped, at least yet), and J-38

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 17:14:28 -0900

From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>  
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87624] 20 meters is alive from Alaska  
Message-ID: <3A4FE804.986E675A@pobox.alaska.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

20 meters is alive from Alaska. What a treat. I just did a long SKN contact with KY, then shorter contacts with OH, MN and the finally K4GT in Atlanta, GA. I sure wish the bands would do this more often. :-)

Too bad I can't stay on the radio...on to other family things.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska  
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West  
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 21:20:50 EST  
From: WB9MII@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87625] SKN so far  
Message-ID: <95.4f07761.27814382@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

20 is dead here (Illinois) now. Did manage a QSO with WB7AIV in Wa. He used a "nameless hunk of brass". I used my elmer's(W9JMG silent key) speedex pump handle with the OHR20 and an indoor W3EDP antenna. Tried 40 with my MFJ9040 but couldn't get a dit in edgewise.

Will try 20 again tomorrow and suspect I'll have better luck. Anyhow I have 1 SKN QSO under my belt . Happy 2001 folks.

72

Greg WB9MII

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 21:43:33 -0500  
From: hamjoel@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87626] w/r ant I tried  
Message-ID: <20001231.214334.-419093.0.hamjoel@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0



Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

High y'all ...

well I tried...we had two feet of new sneaux today and I tried sloshing around in it but soon gave up... I didnt have a new rod and reel so I tried tieing string to a big rocket... well kinda big... and I aimed the thing up at the tree but my string kept burning in two... I also found out the rockets I got tend to blow up when they finish going up...

sure looked pretty... and I did get the string ovah the tree... way ovah... and never whare I wanted it... so I gave up and had a rocket war with some kids in the neighborhood... made a little , actuall big enough for me to get in... is big.... sneaux fort... and we did battle with the little penny rockets... I was doing pretty gud till one of the guys put a rocket in my bag of rockets... u kneaux they pop at the end and evidently will light a bag full of rockets when they blow...

Got me some splinters whare it makes it difficult to set myself down in a chair.... the xyl is pulling them out for me... when she can stop laughing long enough... Folk claimed I jumped six feet ovah the wall of my fort when I decided to beat a hasty retreat...sure feels funny with one of them little rocket pushing up against ur hinnie and u kneaux its gonna blow... in a coupla seconds.... got some holy blue jeans now.... bunch of little burn marks too... course I settled in the sneaux right off and kept from getting blistered or anything...

then the kids made me sign a surrender sheet for them... officially giving them the victory....so I'm back in the house doing some slow scan on twenty meters...Tomorrow I'll stash my rockets in morn one place and wear my wet suit bottom just in case...

meantime I got sum other ant ideas....

y'll be nice

& happy new year

kella joel

in maine

rideing rockets meaux or less

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 22:32:17 -0500

From: Ron Stone <rsstone@juno.com>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [87627] Kit: UniCounter - next shipment almost ready to go

Message-ID: <20001231.223343.-198685.1.rsstone@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Everyone,

I'm getting ready to order parts for the next batch of kits that I will mail out in a couple of weeks. This may be the last run for a while. If I receive your check by 1/8, you'll be good for the 1/16 shipment.

The UniCounter is a low cost (\$25 postpaid), very flexible frequency counter/electronic dial kit. An article on it was published in QST - December 2000. A brief description is provided below and more details can be found at: <http://homestead.juno.com/rsstone/unicounter.html>

To help me order parts as quickly as possible, please send me an email if you're interested in the kit. Thanks and Happy New Year!

72,

Ron (KA3J)  
Bethesda, MD

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#### UNICOUNTER DESCRIPTION

The UniCounter can serve as a bench counter (offers 10 Hz resolution up to 30+ MHz), and as an programmable electronic dial for up to 8 radios. Cost was kept low by using a single 7 segment LED that displays the digits (up to 8) serially. You can select the digits that you want displayed and the display rate. The fastest display rate is equivalent to about 74 WPM - fast enough to quickly find a specific frequency while tuning through a band. The UniCounter also can be programmed to handle most common mixing schemes and reverse tuning VF0/VX0s.

The display rate, digit range, operating mode (continuous display versus single display/sleep), offset mode (mixing scheme selection), and 7 offset (calibration) digits are stored in a frequency display profile. Up to eight profiles can be programmed and you can switch between them in seconds. This allows you to quickly move the UniCounter from rig to rig. The kit includes all board-mounted parts. You just need to supply a switch (almost anything will do), a DC power jack or battery clip, some coax, and a case for the 1.5" x 2.5" PC board.

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## ORDERING INFORMATION

Complete kit (PC board, all board mounted parts and instructions ) - \$25 postpaid; Partial kit (programmed PIC, crystal and instructions) - \$17 postpaid.

Payment must be in US funds; US and international money orders and personal checks (US only) are accepted. Payment should be made out to Ron Stone and sent to:

Ron Stone  
4 Park Overlook Court  
Bethesda, MD 20817

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 22:33:28 EST  
From: W1R0@aol.com  
To: al7fs@pobox.alaska.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87628] Re: 20 meters is alive from Alaska  
Message-ID: <12.6df739c.27815488@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

They tried for a short time doing SKN on Jan 1 and July 4. The 4th didn't produce much.  
I also agree I wish the bands were like this every day. Guess I'll go this month and recruit more HF types out of the VHF/UHFers in my Ham club.  
Gotta get back to SKN and look for some more QRPL members...already worked John K7FD  
72  
Jim  
W1R0/7  
Lost in Vegas

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 22:36:27 EST  
From: W1R0@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87629] SKN a poppin!!!

Message-ID: <53.6e6290.2781553b@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Busiest SKN I've heard in years. 20 mtrs just died in NV. 40 mtr sounds like a contest weekend and 80 mtr is just starting to come in with east coast station.

Worked K7FD on his 2 watt, back to him with my 5 watts QRM split us up. Will be up in the morning on 10 mtrs then work down from there.

Ya'll SKN now Ya'hear?

72

Jim

W1R0/7

Lost in Vegas

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 23:03:10 -0500  
From: "Mark Adams, P.E." <k2qo@hotmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87630] Omni VI RCVR Died-HELP  
Message-ID: <F3121R3n4DVvm24TzmK0000d109@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hi Gang,

My used Omni 6 has been wonderful for the past few months, but during the RAC contest the receiver just quit on me.

Here are the specifics:

- \* I bought the rig used with a 960 PS. Rig is upgraded to level 3.
- \* It ran FB for a long while.
- \* One day the SWR and FWD power positions did not work. Don't know why. Funny thing is, the meter in my MFJ 941E also quit. ESD? Lightning? Everything else worked FB. A month passed.
- \* Then it started to shut down whenever I turned the power up past 20W or so. I would hit the switch for the heil mike or hit the key and click- the rig would be off. It would reset no trouble. Being an avid QRPer this was never a REAL problem. But one that I did want to fix.
- \* I run resonant and tuned antennas. The load presented to the rig is always 2:1 or better, usually much better.
- \* I tried running the rig off a battery to see if the PS is bad and it seems that I can run 70W OK. But I discovered this AFTER the RX died so I cannot fully test it out.

So now, everything seems to work except the radio does not receive. Just

noise comes out of the speaker. It XMIT's OK. All controls function. I tried the instructions in the manual on troubleshootoing the rx section, and it all checks out.

Any suggestions??

Thanks, 72 and Happy New Year,  
Mark K2Q0 (now using my Wilderness Sierra!)

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 20:02:40 -0800  
From: "K7FD/N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87631] Re: SKN a poppin!!!  
Message-ID: <001801c073a7\$b04ddf40\$84231ad8@N7SG>  
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Yep, 80 meter CW sounds like Field Day right now...I switched the '756 band scope on and see much activity from 3.525 to 3.575 and also 3.700 to 3.725Mhz (that QRO rig is good for something at least!)

Will be switching from the NC40a/Loop to the K2/75m dipole...

Happy New Year,

John K7FD

"...you don't have to outswim the sharks, just your buddy"

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> a contest weekend and 80 mtr is just starting to come in with east coast  
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> Jim  
> W1RO/7  
> Lost in Vegas

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 23:58:14 -0500  
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>  
To: "NJQRP" <NJQRP@njqrp.org>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87632] Warbler "Pending Orders" list updated  
Message-ID: <017401c073af\$79cb1fc0\$0100000a@gheron>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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All pending orders for the NJQRP "Warbler" kit, effective Dec 31, are listed  
on the website <http://www.njqrp.org/warbler/orders.html>

73, George N2APB

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 00:45:49 -0500  
From: Dan Puckett <dpuckett@graphtronics.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87633] Digipan 1.6  
Message-ID: <3A50198D.32F0D859@graphtronics.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Gang,

I was just over to the Digipan web site,  
<http://members.home.com/hteller/digipan/>  
and I see the latest, greatest version yet has been released today (1  
Jan 01).

Skip's revision history says :

" 1.6: 1/1/2001 Fifth release. Fixed bug that changed the Regional  
Settings, added ADIF Log import and export, and changed to new internal  
log format for faster searching. "

Just thought you might like to know.

Oh yeah. I can tell I am maturing a bit. I got my Warbler kit Saturday (hence my visit to digipan) and have managed to delay heating up the soldering station for all of 40 hours or so. I've even read the manual.

72 and Happy and Safe New Year

Dan "Bash Bits"  
WD8AAU

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Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2000 12:14:20 -0600  
From: Oscar A Hoyt <k5ubs@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [87634] Radiotron book,  
Message-ID: <20001227.122148.-3195733.1.k5ubs@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Its gone, sold.

tnx

Oscar Hoyt, ham since '55, ARRL, QCWA, QRP-L 1733, ARCI, NORCAL, SOC  
# 303 . . . . . 303

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Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2000 12:21:45 -0600  
From: Oscar A Hoyt <k5ubs@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [87635] PSK-80  
Message-ID: <20001227.122148.-3195733.2.k5ubs@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In the instructions and some e-mails I see where you need to have the crystals up off the board a little bit, I found an easy solution.

While scrounging some parts off some old PC boards I found that some parts were mounted with small white beads. I saved them as a good homebrewer type ham never throws anything out, period. They make it easy to raise the crystal off the board or any part for that matter. Then I was advised that my XYL might just have some that size in her craft stuff. and should be able to buy them at a craft store. Make sure they are non conductive.

"Gun control: Five day waiting period with back ground check on all Hot Glue Guns"

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Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2000 23:58:04 -0800  
From: Lee Hopper <leehop@pop.ptld.uswest.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [87636] Re: THE IOWA QRP10 MANHATTAN CHALLENGE  
Message-ID: <3A50388C.51EE45F6@pop.ptld.qwest.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jerry, Doug, Jim, Chuck, Mike, Paul et al -

Must say how much I enjoyed the pix & words from the two master builders -

Lee Hopper, KD7CTF

> These two master builders are well on their way and hard at it.  
> Check their current progress out and follow along at:  
> <http://www.fix.net/~jparker/norcal/iowa10/qrp10.htm>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 04:32:41 EST  
From: RangerSF5@aol.com  
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87637] Nice hams Happy New Year  
Message-ID: <45.6669f2.2781a8b9@aol.com>



MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Subj: (no subject)  
Date: 1/1/01 7:30:31 AM W. Europe Standard Time  
From: RULE N9EEA  
To: RangerSF5

u suck

Real nice intelligent person that has nothing better to do  
Bob  
WA2HQrp <tm>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 08:10:06 EST  
From: BruceAA5B@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87638] FYB0?  
Message-ID: <f2.62a08ad.2781dbae@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone know the date of this year's FYB0? I didn't see it on N2CQ's  
January calendar, so maybe it's in February.

-Bruce AA5B

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 08:19:14 EST  
From: BruceAA5B@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87639] FT817 questions  
Message-ID: <5c.5424e0f.2781ddd2@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Will some knowledgeable soul save me pain of wading through over 1500  
messages on the FT817 reflector to answer these questions?

1. If anyone has done lab testing on the receiver, what are the results?
2. Are there any known 'gotchas' in this first production model? Extreme

sensitivity to SWR, high infant mortality, bad keying, etc.

-Bruce AA5B

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 07:34:11 -0700  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87640] BLT LED won't dim?  
Message-ID: <04d501c073ff\$e8cd5780\$6a211d82@sg2939h.col.hp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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I thought maybe my 5W was overdrivng the LED so I've tried the 100 mW level and granted the LED is less bright but still very little difference on the dimming situation. I have several SWR/PWR meters in the circuit so I know when the BLT is getting close to a match. Also when it does slightly dim it's not the same setting as the other indicators say where minimun SWR is? If I just tune for max noise it's closer to the outboard meter's setting than the LED dim dip. huh?

Ideas/Suggestions?

HNY Gang - Steve/n0tu

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:05:59 -0500  
From: "John Harper" <ae5x@qsl.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87641] FYBO 2.001K  
Message-ID: <000501c07404\$68f742a0\$5b7abc18@johnharp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bruce,

Here's the info on the upcoming FYBO contest:

<http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m/fybo01.htm>

John Harper AE5X

Outdoor QRP: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 14:47:25 +0000  
From: Larry S Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com>  
To: countyhunters@qth.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [87642] QRP County Hunting Totals  
Message-ID: <20010101.150553.-348469.1.wd3p@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang

As in the past I'm updating the totals I keep up at my web site on the number of counties worked QRP - any mode will do.  
So for those working the counties QRP please sent me your totals to date and I'll either update you on the list or add you to the list as appropriate.

So far only one person has done it all QRP and none that I have found have done it all CW.

Tnx and 73/72 de Larry.....WD3P  
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 08:09:13 -0700  
From: "Bob Hightower" <nk7m@extremezone.com>  
To: <BruceAA5B@aol.com>  
Cc: "qrp" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [87643] Re: FYB0?  
Message-ID: <006301c07404\$ce822220\$e51df5cc@mshome.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

72,  
Bob Hightower NK7M  
<http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m>  
----- Original Message -----  
From: <BruceAA5B@aol.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2001 6:10 AM  
Subject: FYB0?

> Anyone know the date of this year's FYB0? I didn't see it on N2CQ's  
> January calendar, so maybe it's in February.  
>

Saturday, February 3, 2001. Rules are at  
<http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m/fybo01.htm>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:11:53 -0500  
From: "Christopher Cox" <cobox@urec.net>  
To: <wb8rcr@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87644] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <200101011009812.SM00344@CBX-NT>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> Ham software often relies on connections to the hardware, and there is a  
> huge difference in complexity between doing this the DOS way versus the  
> Windows way. M\$ is working hard to beat the last vestiges of DOS out of  
> Windoze, so we're going to have to learn to get a lot more  
sophisticated,  
> or simply rely on commercial software.

Or simply switch to another OS.

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 08:36:01 -0700  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, <dporter@voicenet.com>  
Subject: [87645] Re: BLT LED won't dim?  
Message-ID: <04e001c07408\$8c31acc0\$6a211d82@sg2939h.col.hp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

YOUR the man! Thanks! That was IT!!  
It works just great now. Wonderful lil tuner for size /price! Now where's  
that recipe for that Norcal doublet?

-----Original Message-----

From: David Porter <dporter@voicenet.com>  
To: n0tu@webaccess.net <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
Date: Monday, January 01, 2001 7:44 AM  
Subject: Re: BLT LED won't dim?

>One person I know of had the same problem. He had the xmtr hooked up to  
>the antenna BNC.

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>David Porter

>dporter@voicenet.com

>AA3UR

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>> From: Steve/n0tu <n0tu@webaccess.net>

>> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

>> Subject: BLT LED won't dim?

>> Date: Monday, January 01, 2001 9:34 AM

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>> OK you've seen this post before I'm sure. But I didn't say it wont go out

>> ...I know it doesn't go completely out. BUT still mine won't even hardly

>> dim. You need to be in a dark room a watch it closely to see a slight

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>> Puzzling!

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>> when the BLT is getting close to a match. Also when it does slightly dim

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>> than the LED dim dip. huh?  
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>> Ideas/Suggestions?  
>>  
>> HNY Gang - Steve/n0tu  
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 09:27:41 -0600  
From: "Tom Whiteside" <n5tw@igg-tx.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>  
Cc: <QFOX@egroups.com>  
Subject: [87646] FOX - Double trouble fox hunt Tuesday night!  
Message-ID: <002801c07407\$61f96020\$7721f0cd@g517v>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That is right! Tonight for the first Fox hunt of the real millennium  
start, there will be two foxes on for you to try to nab! N2WW and I will  
be on the menu together Tuesday at 8 PM Central time (0200Z Wednesday).

N2WW and I have not managed to connect on how we are gonna do this but  
expect one of us working above 7040 and one below. I plan to operate on  
7042 +/- QRM and will listen up to keep the pileup off my frequency and  
his... If you hear N2WW there, look for me right below 7040 listening  
\*DOWN\* - again to avoid interference...

I will be using a Yaesu FT1000D set for 5 watts. The antennas are 2  
stacked and phased Cushcraft XM240 (2 element) yagis up at 80 and 130 feet.  
The plan is to point the top beam to the NW and the bottom one to the NE but  
may move them around if conditions get rough... I also may switch from one  
to the other if conditions warrant... These antennas have a broad pattern  
and cover the country well.  
My location is near Georgetown, TX - about 30 miles north of Austin.

N2WW and I need to work each other as well - If he has not called me yet by  
the middle of hour number 2, I'll announce that I'm off to snag him and will  
return after I hopefully work him... Hate leaving it that long as the band  
will get long for TX-CO but....

Hope to work many of you! Always willing to QSL with no SASE necessary for those that are into that...

Tom Whiteside  
N5TW Georgetown, TX

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 10:31:20 -0500  
From: VE3JC - John C <jbcumming@wwdc.com>  
To: QRP-CANADA <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87647] Great RAC Winter Contest 2000/QRP  
Message-ID: <3A50A2C7.DD363AED@wwdc.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Happy New Year to all,

Now that I've had a chance to get some sleep, I'll summarize my experiences in the Canada Winter contest this year. Please forgive this long post, and my enthusiasm, if this is not of interest to you.

The RAC Contest Single-Op QRP category is a CW&phone/160-2m/5W max affair. The 24 hr. Winter Contest (like the Canada Day contest Jul. 1st each year) is fairly laid-back, with reasonable code speeds and the chance to stop and chat for a bit - so the atmosphere is much like Field Day (except you have the fun of "hopping from tent to tent" by switching bands and modes to chase the propagation patterns across this vast country).

My wife and kids promised to leave me alone for the full 24 hours, so unlike previous efforts I knew I wouldn't need to stop for excursions into town, etc. Armed with a pot of coffee I decided I would make an all-out effort. Equipment here was the K2 at 5 W to a 3 el tri-band yagi at 45' and a 40/80 trap dipole at 40'. I also decided the day before the contest to throw some wire up in the hope of snagging a couple of 160 meter multipliers. I had to showshoe out to the back of my lot to get about 350' of wire up in the air about 25' (real NVIS on 160!).

The contest was an absolute blast from the very beginning - I was N6RO's "#001" :^)

- Hi-lites for me were:
- getting a dozen on 160 (including VE3FUL on cw)
  - only being struck by "Murphy" once (working the man himself VA6RF on 15m ssb!)
  - getting calls from so many in the QRP community (K2QO K5ZTY HP1AC K7RE and others I'm sure)
  - chasing Bruce VE5QRP a few times, but only nabbing him on 15cw

- working all provinces and territories, except VE8 which I never heard at all. I used a favourite trick to catch VY0CW: He was working 20ssb and I could not get his attention, so I waited until he arranged with another station to QSY for a CW contact. By being quick on the QSY draw, I was able to call and work the VY0 on the cw frequency before the other station showed up. Then having worked him on CW, I think it was easier for him to pick my callsign out of the pack later on ssb.

- finding a "local" VE3UZ on 15 m for the Ontario multiplier. Hoped I'd find him later on 10m, but no luck. It's always fun trying to call the weak "warbly" stations 100 miles away - sometimes they pull you through with lots of repeats.

The Canaday software as updated by "VE5RC & son" worked great - fun to watch the points climb "on the fly" as the contest progresses and seeing the impact of finding a new multiplier.

What fascinates me most about this 'test is that there are so many ways to attack it (Should I "band hop" or stay put? Do I stay up another hour on the off chance the band will open to the west? Is it worthwhile trying to call CQ or should I stick with "S&P"?). I worked over 21 hours of the contest - Took a break around 3 am for a couple of hours sleep :^)

The current record in the Winter Contest QRP class was set in '97 by Peter VE6NAO (now VE6YC) - 299 QSO's and 57 multipliers for 155 K points. In emails a couple of years ago I remember agreeing with Peter that 200 K points would be kind of a "four minute mile" in the QRP class. So I was quite excited as I passed my previous best, then 155K points, then 200 K points...

Final tally: 334 QSO's, 77 multipliers, 232,848 points. Post-event Olympic Committee Dope testing revealed no steroids but high levels of caffiene (and the unspoken conclusion by my XYL that I really was a "dope" for such silly behavior!)

Thanks to RAC for sponsoring the contest. I've included the score summary and breakdown below for anyone who is interested in statistical analysis of contest participation or propagation from southwestern Ontario.

72, John VE3JC

# RAC WINTER CONTEST 2000 RESULTS - VE3JC - SINGLE OP QRP (5W MAX)

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Prov>>> NF  NS  NB  PE  QU  ON  MB  SK  AB  BC  NW  YU  NT
Mult.

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0	160PH	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
0	1											
0	160CW	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
0	1											
0	80PH	0	2	1	0	5	28	0	0	1	1	0
0	6											
0	80CW	0	2	0	0	2	14	2	0	2	2	0
0	6											
0	40PH	1	2	2	0	4	15	1	2	4	1	0
0	9											
0	40CW	0	3	0	0	1	19	1	3	4	1	0
0	7											
1	20PH	3	5	1	1	2	3	2	5	7	7	0
1	11											
1	20CW	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	4	3	0
1	10											
0	15PH	2	3	1	1	0	2	2	4	8	8	0
0	9											
0	15CW	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	3	0
0	7											
0	10PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	5	0
0	5											
0	10CW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
0	4											
0	6PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0											
0	6CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0											
0	2PH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1											
0	2CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0											

Canadian QSO's were : 245 X 10 = 2,450 Mult.  
 Total: 77  
 RAC QSO's : 22 X 20 = 440  
 Total DX contacts : 67 X 2 = 134  
 Total of ALL QSO's : 334 QSO's = 3,024  
 F I N A L S C O R E : 3,024 X 77 = 232,848 TOTAL

SCORED POINT

VE3JC						
S C O R E			B R E A K D O W N			
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BAND	CAN Qs	RAC Qs	DX Qs	TOTAL Qs	MULTs	TOTAL
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160PH	4	1	0	5	1	
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160CW	8	0	1	9	1
82					
80PH	36	2	9	47	6
418					
80CW	23	1	6	30	6
262					
40PH	29	3	0	32	9
350					
40CW	31	1	17	49	7
364					
20PH	30	7	3	40	11
446					
20CW	16	2	4	22	10
208					
15PH	29	2	8	39	9
346					
15CW	16	0	12	28	7
184					
10PH	13	2	3	18	5
176					
10CW	9	1	4	14	4
118					
6PH	0	0	0	0	0
0					
6CW	0	0	0	0	0
0					
2PH	1	0	0	1	1
10					
2CW	0	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS	245	22	67	334	77
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 09:45:36 -0600  
 From: "Craig Johnson" <cbjohns@mn.mediaone.net>  
 To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
 Subject: [87648] K8FF/ NorCal Paddles for sale  
 Message-ID: <005301c07409\$e23ed470\$6401a8c0@CBJP2>  
 MIME-Version: 1.0  
 Content-Type: text/plain;  
     charset="iso-8859-1"  
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For Sale:

One K8FF / NorCal Paddle kit. Unbuilt / Untouched.  
With original instructions.

This is the first model, with the "wider" spacing paddles.  
Any Offers?

- Craig, AA0ZZ

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:00:56 -0500  
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>  
To: <cobox@urec.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87649] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <004701c0740c\$19bcb140\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----

From: "Christopher Cox" <cobox@urec.net>  
Subject: Re: PSK 31/WINNT

> > so we're going to have to learn to get a lot more sophisticated,  
> > or simply rely on commercial software.  
>  
> Or simply switch to another OS.

Well, that's basically what I meant when I said get a lot more sophisticated. When I said it, I was thinking Linux, but your comment (and tripping across a ham OS/2 reflector) made me think about the other options...

- Linux ... really not much simpler than Windoze when it comes to accessing the hardware, but a pile more complicated to use/maintain. No software available to speak of, at least, software the average guy would use. Lots of great stuff for programmers, tho. Linux has a serious problem for ham use, tho. A poorly configured Linux system is a great place for hackers to use to launch attacks, and Linux is astonishingly complex to configure. Hams tend to be more interested in their radios than their computers, so one can bet that 90% or better of the ham owned Linux systems are poorly configured.

- Other unixes (Sun, Ultrix, etc. etc. etc.) - All the same features(?) as Linux except less support and, with a few exceptions, more expensive.

- OS/2 ... I really thought this had died but was surprised to find an

active reflector for ham OS/2 uses. Very solid, reasonable access to the hardware. Although new (i.e. Win 9x) software won't work, it will support almost all DOS software and most Win 3.1 software, so from a software availability point of view, not a bad choice, maybe even better than Win2K. Similar in operation and complexity to Win 9x, but much less inclined to do strange things.

- Mac ... no software, hard to access the hardware, expensive, not much good to be said about them anymore. Although, when they finally go bankrupt, the hardware will get cheap.

- BeOS ... HUH?

- VMS ... expensive, as hard as Windoze to get to the hardware. At least it's solid, tho. No software to speak of.

- MVS ... Way expensive, if possible, even harder than Windoze to get to the hardware. No ham software at all.

- DOS ... lots of ham software, altho little personal productivity software anymore. Simple, reliable, cheap, but not much in the user friendliness department.

- AppleDOS - About the same as DOS, a little less software, but a little easier access to the hardware. Tough to find anything anymore.

Commodore - Cheap, simple, but proprietary hardware does make putting together a system somewhat frustrating anymore. Relatively more complex hardware access compared to DOS but nothing like Windoze.

- Amiga - This still seems to be popular in Germany, but largely extinct elsewhere. As a descendent of Commodore, shares a lot of the same features/issues, but with better graphics.

Sooo ... which was your choice?

72/73 de WB8RCR      <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>  
didileydadidah      QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 23:04:29 -0500  
From: "Ed Nelson" <edxnelson@home.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87650] IC 756 Display problem  
Message-ID: <000701c07471\$1b5ed4a0\$2c490b18@prntn1.nj.home.com>

Tnx to all for the suggestions. Looks like I'll be sending it for repair.  
Ed W4EN

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:17:33 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: BruceAA5B@aol.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87651] Re: FYB0?  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1010101101635.19518A-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hello Bruce....checked the Eastern AP QRP Club calendar and it's Feb. 3 & 4th.....Happy New year!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272  
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -  
"QRP! How sweet it is!" oo#148 "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

On Mon, 1 Jan 2001 BruceAA5B@aol.com wrote:

> Anyone know the date of this year's FYB0? I didn't see it on N2CQ's  
> January calendar, so maybe it's in February.  
>  
> -Bruce AA5B  
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:28:32 -0500  
From: "Ted Albert" <ted.albert@worldnet.att.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87652] QRP SKN Fun  
Message-ID: <00a701c0740f\$e606a320\$fde0540c@fpfzqlga>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Happy New Year to All!

I have to agree with the others who commented on the activity level. SKN really was hopping last night and still going well on 40 meters this morning. I operating this event using my SW-40 and SW-20+ at 1.5 watts with my old Novice key (29 years old). Lots of fun using the homebrew rigs and I'm slowly adding more QSOs to my G-QRP Winter Sports log.

Hearing all the "fists" and high activity level reminds me of the Novice sub-bands from 29 years ago. Monitored 80 meters a bit last night and was

impressed with the amount of activity there too. Lots of glowbug sounding signals. I bet the AWA group was busy with their TPTG rigs.

Did anyone work K6KPH, the old coast station site, last night? I heard them on 7.050 and they had quite a pile-up going.

72 de Ted, AB8FJ

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:31:06 -0500  
From: "Goody" <k3ng@fast.net>  
To: <wb8rcr@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87653] OT Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <003601c07410\$3df5edc0\$0269a8c0@pohopoco>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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> - Linux ... really not much simpler than Windoze when it comes to  
accessing  
> the hardware, but a pile more complicated to use/maintain. No software  
> available to speak of, at least, software the average guy would use. Lots  
> of great stuff for programmers, tho. Linux has a serious problem for ham  
> use, tho. A poorly configured Linux system is a great place for hackers  
to  
> use to launch attacks, and Linux is astonishingly complex to configure.  
> Hams tend to be more interested in their radios than their computers, so  
one  
> can bet that 90% or better of the ham owned Linux systems are poorly  
> configured.

The lack of ham software for Linux has bothered me for some time. It's ironic that the same mindset that drives ham radio is what Linux is based on (experimentation, homebrewing, frugal/cost effective design), but amateur radio software is nearly nonexistent.

Linux and all Unices are hard to learn but easy to use. I think most hams grew up with DOS, graduated to Windows, and are very comfortable with the environment. Piping, vi, compiling software, and file permissions are foreign to most Windoze users, but are well within the grasp of most hams. When you understand the how and why of Linux/Unix, it's more powerful than anything you can get from the six or so versions of Windows out now.

I would argue that programming in Linux is easier. All system calls are well documented, and you can start programming in a myriad of languages with

no investment in software. With Windows you pretty much are at the mercy of commercial development environments (Delphi, Visual Whatever, etc.) and an ever-changing API controlled by Microsoft.

Also, with tools like Linuxconf, configuration has never been easier in Linux.

I'm a Linux, BSD, and Solaris user, but I'm sad to say that the machine next to my rig is running 95. :(

My \$.02

72/73

Goody

K3NG

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:53:17 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87654] QRP Winter With-in contest!  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1001231114249.29443A-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Well I jumped into the contest Friday night just for an hour or so after making sure the Canaday logging software was ready to go...I checked my clock, erased all previous data files, filled in the initial information and was ready to go....

....I put my main time in on Saturday and things hummed right along...sure was fun hearing all the stations, many with familiar callsigns...hmmm, first problem....operator error....have to Alt-K the last entered contact ...now did I make another correct contact after that before shutting down or changing bands?...duh....ok things are humming once again until my fingers slipped on the keyboard and the program froze up.....arghh!...well only choice is to shut down...ok now boot up....wow, the program picked up where I left all with everything intact....SUPER program Paul!....more reports are coming in re the "Winter Within" event so I'm sure the "here-cum-de-judges" are reading every word....I'll soon be in touch with my fellow judges, Ted & John to pick some "winners"....Happy New Year all!

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 12:10:09 -0500 (GMT+5)  
From: <wd9eyb@butler.qrp.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Cc: wvara@butler.qrp.com  
Subject: [87655] Warbler Group Building Session  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1010101120811.28712B-100000@butler.qrp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Here are pictures from the building session.  
<http://butler.qrp.com/~wd9eyb/psk80/bs2/>  
It was a lot of fun.  
Wish you had been there.  
We'll have another one again soon.

Jim, WD9EYB

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:34:03 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>  
Cc: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87656] Re: RAC Winter Contest + Winter With-in.  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1010101111216.19518D-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Mon, 1 Jan 2001, Bill Stietenroth wrote:

> GM Bruce and Happy New Year.  
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> Sorry I didn't get to work you in the RAC but I did work JC.

....I was sorry too Bill...maybe next time eh?...sounds like John had a  
super time this go-around and might have established a new qrp record



score...

I guess

> conditions weren't optimal for Houston to Canada on Saturday because I  
> didn't hear the rush of activity that I heard in years past. I had very  
> little success calling CQ, so I spent most of the contest searching and  
> pouncing on people. Probably why I didn't get to work you, too much  
> moving around.

....I generally had the same feelings compared to when I won the plaque  
for last year's Winter contest.....

> I did make 145 contacts though, so I had a good time.

...VERY nice score Bill.....

> About the contest within; you want a synopsis of my operating experience  
> posted to the QRP-C and logs sent to Mary Cherry?

...yes, please post your synopsis and send your log to Mary, NA6E, as  
well as to RAC headquarters...

Is the contest within

> about scores or just about the stories sent to QRP-C? Your posting to  
> the QRP-L only talked about the stories to be posted to the QRP-C, then  
> said send logs to Mary. You thanked Mary for being manager. What is Mary  
> managing?

....it's about both actually...but this is our first attempt at levelling  
the playing field and recognizing qrpers special efforts in the  
contest...we all can look at each others score but that's only "part of  
the story"....we'd like to read the "REST OF THE STORY" as well so we  
can all take that much more enjoyment out of this event that we have  
shared...

...Mary volunteered to check the logs for the "Winter Within" and she will  
be making up the Certificates as well....busy gal eh?....but I'll be  
helping her mainly with the text part of the certificates...

...it has nothing officially to do with RAC except that their contest  
provides the "vehicle" for our qrp fun...

...the "judges" will look at the scores AND the stories as posted to pick  
certificate winners...various categories that might be awarded could be a  
(1) Murphy Struck category, (2) an All-out Effort category (3) an Open  
Mouth; Insert Foot category (probably me except as a judge I'm  
not eligible..hihi...), (4) did K7RE obtain the top score for his area for  
the third time in a row?, (5) did someone do "battle" at the 1 watt level

using just wire antennas?, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera...

...I'm already getting the feeling that we've had a good increase in the number of qrp participants in this running of the Winter contest..

Happy New Year to all from snowy Regina! - 72 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP)

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> Bill , K5ZTY  
> Houston,TX  
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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 12:46:27 -0500  
From: Corey Dean <kf3dy@repeater.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87657] Emtech 40  
Message-ID: <3A50C273.D3F0243E@repeater.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, I finished up my 40 meter QRP rig. I would like to thank all of you for the help. All I will say is that I took some LM602's from another rig and the thing came to life. I tuned it up and fired it up. I heard W4YE, Buddy in VA calling CQ for the contest and called him back. He gave me a 569 with my power level at 1 watt. I was quite impressed especially when I checked my SWR and it was 1.8:1 I looked outside and found 1 side of my inverted V had come down. I fixed it right away and the SWR came right back.

Again, thanks to all for the help.

Maybe I will have to try WAS just for the heck of it with it.

Corey KF3DY - Proud to be QRPing it.....

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Flames > /dev/null

(or for the brainless Windows user)

Flames >> C:\Windows\Windows.exe  
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:02:13 -0800  
From: "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87658] FT=817 Reflector  
Message-ID: <001101c0741c\$fbbabf00\$2881e3a5@n1dtscomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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Happy New Year to all.  
Could someone tell me where the FT-817 reflector is. Thanks.

GL es 73, Dan W6DAN  
Capitola, CA

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 13:08:54 -0500  
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87659] Re: OT Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <005c01c0741d\$efb27ee0\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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I'm going to reply off the list, because this is getting a tad off topic,  
but it's not like I want to hide anything. If you reply to me I'll add you  
to the reply all list, and I'm sure Goody will do the same.

72/73 de WB8RCR      <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>  
didileydadidah      QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 10:15:18 -0800  
From: "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87660] Re: FT=817 Reflector  
Message-ID: <001801c0741e\$cc4097c0\$2881e3a5@n1dtscomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ron, Thanks, I'll check it out.  
73, Dan, W6DAN

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:16:14 -0700  
From: "Rod Cercone" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
To: <danjt@cruzio.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87661] Re: FT=817 Reflector  
Message-ID: <0E251Ktt5Imwix2pwWX0000185b@hotmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"  
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It's at [www.egroups.com](http://www.egroups.com) There are two groups there FT817 and FT-817.  
FT817 is the more active group >1500 messages in the archive.

\*\* Happy Holidays \*\*  
73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins CO

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>  
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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 10:26:26 -0500  
From: Shelly Somerville <somerville@uniserve.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87662] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <3A50A1A2.333C799F@uniserve.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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solveable by anyone with enough interest.  
OTH DOS for most of us doesn't have the learning curve of new systems.  
There are volumes of public  
domain code sources in assembler, C, Basic, and Pascal which hams could

use to  
good advantage.

72 John/VE7CFG

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> anymore. Simple, reliable, cheap, but not much in the user friendliness  
> department.  
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:50:28 -0700  
From: jaywa5whn@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87663] NM Swapfest - Jan. 27, 2001  
Message-ID: <20010101.115033.-944243.0.jaywa5whn@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

27 Jan 2001

Albuquerque Winter Tailgate Swapfest  
Del Norte High School parking lot {Montgomery & San Mateo Blvd. NE}  
Contact: Tom Ellis, K5TEE  
Phone: 505-291-8122 <----- Mountain Standard Time {UTC -7  
hours}  
Email: k5tee@arrl.net <----- email Tom, he knows everything  
about this event.

72...Jay, WA5WHN DM65qd Albuquerque, NM US {thawing  
out, can't wait until FYBO 2001}

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On Mon, 1 Jan 2001 jaywa5whn@juno.com wrote:

Hmmm... Sounds like a good excuse for a road trip, maybe visiting Las Cruces on the way back. My "green chili low" light has been on for a very long time.

[illegible]

Email: [ctrask@primenet.com](mailto:ctrask@primenet.com)  
<http://www.primenet.com/~ctrask>

Graphics by Loek Frederiks

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 12:11:27 -0700  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87665] SST 20m Schematic?  
Message-ID: <050401c07426\$a4c188a0\$6a211d82@sg2939h.col.hp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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Want to build a 20m SST deadbug/Manhattan style.  
Anyone have schematic/parts-list /docs for the 20m version.  
(Will be happy to reimburse expenses. )

Thanks & H.N.Y. Steve/n0tu

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 19:03:51  
From: "Jerry McCollom W0MC" <w0mc@hotmail.com>  
To: QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU  
Subject: [87666] CUB FOX -- W0MC -- Double hunt TONIGHT!!!  
Message-ID: <F263szPDCm5P27nowip0000c58d@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hey you hounds! Be on the lookout for TWO cub foxii tonight in the first  
Cub Fox Hunt of the new millennium!

I'll be working from my base in Fort Collins, CO. I haven't decided on  
which rig yet. I like my K2, but just got my Red Hot 40 built over the  
Christmas break and may have to use it. We'll see come game time.

Look for me around 7145 or HIGHER depending on interference. I'll be  
starting at 9 Eastern/8 Central/7 Mountain/6 Pacific tonight. Hope to see  
you then!

73,

Jerry  
W0MC  
Fort Collins, CO QRP-L#800



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Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at <http://explorer.msn.com>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 12:15:50 -0700  
From: "Tom Whalen" <wb5qyt@abq.com>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87667] Ship board operating?  
Message-ID: <MABBIKAEJKMHLIDDGMCKOEAIICCAA.wb5qyt@abq.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Gang,

What are the rules regarding operating a ham rig about a cruise ship?

72, Tom WB5QYT...."Have spud will travel!"

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 13:38:14 -0600  
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>  
To: <somerville@uniserve.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87668] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <017d01c0742a\$640261a0\$0200a8c0@dandooley>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Let's don't be too quick to write the obit. for Windows, folks. I have my gripes with it just as everyone else. Fact is however, I have to work with it. It's on all of my machines here at home. That includes two running 98 and one running NT Server 4.0. I am not having hair pulling problems. Do I get crashes? On occasion. What causes them? Usually sloppy programs. Some of that is MS. Some is not. I reboot my tower running 98 SE maybe once every several weeks. That's usually to restart after installing or removing some app. I've probably rebooted due to a crash twice to three times in the entire year just passed. I've had to do the three finger salute to bring up Task Manager a few times due to a bum program locking up.

Rarely did I have to go further than that. This computer stays on 24 hours a day too, and is used heavily all day long. Blue screen? Yep, on occasion. Included in the above counts.

The laptop of course being portable and travels with me gets "started" more often. Crashes on it are as rare as on the tower.

The machine running NT Server for my network, just does not crash. I'm not sure I can ever recall it crashing. And, I run all of the digital mode programs on it.

I'm not a real lover of MS. They aggravate the daylights out of me at times. For various reasons. Their stuff, though functionally (in my book only) is the best, but it can be quirky and buggy and that's uncalled for. Probably 95% of my apps are MS. So, without using Windows, how am I going to run Office, for example? I like it and am not going to change.

As for the corporate environment. I'm waiting to see my first hospital or pharmacy not on a Windows platform. That's what I work in. I see more and more of my customers going to 2000. A lot are with NT and a lot are on 98 or even 95.

As for Linux, I'm getting ready - just made some partition space on this machine - to try a Linux install. I want to learn it. I think that it's a cool idea. Is it going to replace my Windows here? If it'll run all of my current Windows based apps. We know the answer to that one though, right?

OS/2? Been there, done that, erased the partition and tossed it out. Years ago.

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Bedford, Texas EM12ku

e-mail to: [dandooley@pipeline.com](mailto:dandooley@pipeline.com)

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SOC #198, FPQRP # -104

May Goddes love blest ye alle

"Ancient Pistol, I do partly understand your meaning."

----- Original Message -----

From: "Shelly Somerville" <[somerville@uniserve.com](mailto:somerville@uniserve.com)>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <[qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU)>

Sent: Monday, January 01, 2001 9:26 AM

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> > anymore. Simple, reliable, cheap, but not much in the user friendliness  
> > department.  
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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 11:41:22 -0800  
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87669] Re: Ship board operating?  
Message-ID: <20010101114122.A3002@oz.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Disposition: inline

On Mon, Jan 01, 2001 at 12:15:50PM -0700, Tom Whalen wrote:

> Gang,  
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> What are the rules regarding operating a ham rig about a cruise ship?  
  
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> 72, Tom WB5QYT...."Have spud will travel!"

This came up a few days ago on either this list or one of the many  
others to which I am subscribed (darned if I can remember just where).

You need:

1. Reciprocal license from country of registry of the ship  
(information available from <http://www.arrl.org>).
2. Permission of the captain of the ship.

72, Bob N7XY

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 14:49:37 -0500  
From: "Don Wilhelm" <w3fpr@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87670] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <005701c0742c\$4757e6e0\$b3440f3f@dbw11main>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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my 0.05 cents worth (inflation has hit here too),

Don Wilhelm -Chapel Hill, NC  
W3FPR QRP-L # 485 K2 SN 0020

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 12:37:59 -0800

From: "Mont Pierce" <MyGrapeVine@yahoo.com>  
To: <w3fpr@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87671] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <019a01c07432\$bb049380\$27010101@RTA>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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73,  
km6wt

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2001 11:49 AM  
Subject: Re: PSK 31/WINNT

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 12:46:39 -0800  
From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87672] Re: Ship board operating?  
Message-ID: <002801c07433\$f1812260\$b2d8fc9e@oemcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tom

When my family and I took the Inside Passage cruise from San Francisco up to Vancouver Canada, and then up the Inside Passage to Juneau and Skagway, I wrote to the cruise line in advance and got written permission to use my HT on board.

I explained what I would be doing, visiting with US, Canadian and KL7 amateurs as we cruised along. I specifically mentioned that my HT could not transmit on or receive the ships radio frequencies, and so was unlikely to produce any interference to their operations. Since we would be sailing in Canadian waters at times, I mentioned that the US and Canada had reciprocal

operating treaties, allowing us to operate in each other's territory.

They specified that before I commenced operation, I should check in with the ship's radio operator, which turned out to be a breeze, as he was an English ham with a G call.

We visited several times during the cruise, and I got a tour of the radio facility.

You may not find this by now, however, as a lot of the ships are going automated, and have no on-board radio operator anymore. They are just a floating cell site, with satellite hookups.

As always, no matter what the cruise line management thinks, ultimate permission is up to the Captain. He may delegate that to someone like his executive officer.

Good luck  
Bob N6WG

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 15:39:26 -0500 (EST)  
From: Rich Mulvey <mulveyr@iname.com>  
To: Mont Pierce <MyGrapeVine@yahoo.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87673] Re: PSK 31/WINNT  
Message-ID: <XFMail.010101153926.mulveyr@iname.com>  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit  
MIME-Version: 1.0

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There's no real need to... kpsk runs natively under Linux, and includes everything that Digipan has ( at least the last time I tried it, a month or so ago. ) Multiple rcv windows, logging interface, zillions of macros, etc.

- rich

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> km6wt  
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Catapultam habeo. Nisi pecuniam omnem mihi dabis, ad caput tuum saxum  
immane mittam.  
Where's Rich? <http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?aa2ys>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 15:57:13 EST  
From: NB6M@aol.com  
To: wb5qyt@abq.com  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87674] Re: Ship board operating?  
Message-ID: <90.e47d0a9.27824929@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, other than perhaps getting permission from the cruise line, as long as  
you are more than 12 Nautical miles (13.8 statute miles) off-shore, you are  
legal to operate with your US call as a /MM.

Within the 12 NM limit, you are considered to be in the country you are next  
to, and your operation would fall into the operating rules for that country,  
requiring you to get a provisional permit from that country. So, best bet is  
to confine your operation to those times when you are more than 12 NM  
offshore. Other than that, should be no problem.

72

Wayne NB6M

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 16:11:00 EST  
From: NB6M@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87675] Digipan 1.6, tiny glitch

Message-ID: <d0.f924a08.27824c64@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I downloaded and installed Version 1.6 of Digipan and had no trouble with importing the log information from the previous version. One tiny little glitch I noticed is that when I click on the little computer disk button to save the QSO file into the log, the asterisk doesn't disappear, to indicate that the info has been saved, as it used to.

I checked the log, and the info is being saved to the log, so the glitch is just that the asterisk doesn't get turned off like it did in previous versions. This could well be due to an error in the download, rather than a glitch with the program. I have emailed Skip about this, and will report what he has to say.

Anyone else experienced this?

72

Wayne NB6M

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 14:53:38 -0700  
From: "Tom Whalen" <wb5qyt@abq.com>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87676] cruise info tnx!  
Message-ID: <MABBIKAEJKMHLIDGCMCKMEAMCCAA.wb5qyt@abq.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

I received several replies concerning operation aboard a cruise ship. Thanks much for all the good info. Will now have to decide if I'm going to take a rig or not.

72, and tnx again....Tom WB5QYT..."Have spud will travel!"

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Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2001 13:19:44 -0900  
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>

To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87677] [Propagation] AL7FS listens to 10 meter beacons  
Message-ID: <3A510280.45BC4F84@pobox.alaska.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I was wondering, if I called CQ on 10 meters, who would hear me. It has been a while since I checked the beacons. Here is the list at 2200-2210Z today. All are QSO copy.

va2mg1 quebec 2w  
ve7mty bc 5w  
LU1fhh argentina 5w  
kh6wo HI 1w  
w6wx ca 1w  
wb5uaa DM41  
kb3boe pa 3w  
wn2a nj 3w  
ka9szx il 1w  
kb9dja in 23w  
w2ik ny 25w weak  
va3src toronto 5w  
k4dos el96we  
k7nws wa 25w weak  
w3hh pa 10w  
k5ab tx 20w

So there you go. I was surprised to find argentina so strong.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska  
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West  
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 17:23:02 -0500  
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>  
To: "QRP List" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87678] Tape Back UP FS  
Message-ID: <03d601c07441\$7ea1c0c0\$6291d4d1@toshiba>

Is everyone doing like they should and backing up their computer properly, and doing it often? If you are like

most hams (and I include myself in that category), you are not doing it often enough, if at all. It seems that all of us put it off, usually until it is too late.

Part of the reason we put it off is that it is too difficult to do. After all, we are just human, and take the easy way out.

Here is an item that will make it easier to back up your computer. That includes all your e-mail, all of the good information that comes off of these great mailing lists, your ham log book, all that new PSK software you downloaded, and everything else you might want to back up.

I have a Seagate 3.2 G ( or 3200 Meg if you prefer) tape backup for sale. I get a backup speed of 4 Megs per minute, so it is not slow. This is actual speed that I get in use, and not some exotic speed that the manual might state under ideal, short term conditions.

This unit is in great shape. It is an internal drive that takes a 5 1/4 inch bay. It hooks up to the floppy drive, and includes the cables to accomplish this purpose. \$50 plus shipping from Florida.

Before someone asks, I have switched to a different media for my backups, but I AM backing it up.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson  
E-Mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@juno.com  
Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 15:36:00 -0700

From: "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [87679] SKN short & sweet  
Message-ID: <0E20dlupLIVh5yh82kQ00005598@hotmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

4 QSO's this afternoon (had to work last night): 2 on 12m; one each on  
17m & 30m.

I worked only the WARC bands, and because it was New Years and I was  
feeling decadent, I ran my KNWD 570 at 10-20 Watts! :-0

\*\* Happy Holidays \*\*  
73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins CO

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 18:36:00 EST  
From: NB6M@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87680] re: Digipan 1.6, tiny glitch  
Message-ID: <cd.749296.27826e60@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have had a very nice and timely response from Skip Teller (Digipan), saying  
that it is a minor glitch in the new version, that he is aware of it, and is  
fixing it.

So, if you are using Digipan 1.6, just be aware that when you click on the  
computer disk button to save the QSO info, it saves the info but the asterisk  
remains. Click only once, or you will end up with multiple entries in your  
log.

72

Wayne NB6M

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 18:52:26 EST  
From: RangerSF5@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [87681] non working 38 special free/papers work for MMX 30-M

Message-ID: <b3.52a41bb.2782723a@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have a non working 38 Special here free (just pay postage)  
No papers.  
It keys up through the phone jack.  
Don't remember where I got it but I'm finished soldering and want to do more  
operating.

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Also have the papers for the MMX for 30 meters that I gave to someone on this  
list about a year ago.  
If you need them let me know.  
Thanks  
Bob  
WA2HOQrp <tm>

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Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 17:07:47 -0700  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [87682] Re: SST 20m Schematic?  
Message-ID: <057201c07450\$0a63eb20\$6a211d82@sg2939h.col.hp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks gang I found what I needed. CUL Steve/n0tu

-----Original Message-----  
From: Steve/n0tu <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Date: Monday, January 01, 2001 12:11 PM  
Subject: SST 20m Schematic?

>Want to build a 20m SST deadbug/Manhattin style.  
>Anyone have schematic/parts-list /docs for the 20m version.  
>(Will be happy to reimburse expenses. )  
>  
>Thanks & H.N.Y. Steve/n0tu  
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End of QRP-L Digest 2054

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